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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2878  
INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 11059

FOR NEA FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGSC PEF, IN  
SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI

REF: STATE 179977 NOTAL

1. SINCE PM'S PARTY HEARD THE PRESIDENT SAY THAT  
DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER WOULD BE COMING HERE LATER  
THIS YEAR, THAT UNQUESTIONABLY IS WHAT GOI IS EXPECTING.  
FOR FONSEC MEHTA TO GO INSTEAD TO WASHINGTON IS PROBABLY  
NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION BUT WE CANNOT BE SURE WITHOUT  
ASKING.

2. AN ADVANTAGE IN HAVING CHRISTOPHER COME HERE FOR THE  
FIRST ROUND OF THESE BILATERALS WOULD BE THE UPGRADING  
AND HEIGHTENED VISIBILITY GIVEN HERE TO OUR INTERESTS IN  
INDIA, WHEREAS A MEHTA VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD DO LESS OF  
THAT HERE AND HAVE NO SUCH EFFECT ON THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THIS  
EMBASSY THEREFORE DISTINCTLY WOULD PREFER THE FIRST OF THESE  
ALTERNATIVES. IF THE MEETING MUST FALL WITHIN 1978,  
WE SUGGEST WE AIM FOR SOMETIME IN DECEMBER.

3. A POSSIBILITY FOR WHICH I URGE CONSIDERATION WOULD BE  
TO POSTPONE A CHRISTOPHER NEW DELHI VISIT INTO THE LAST TWO  
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WEEKS IN JANUARY '79 AND TIE IT TO AN AREA CHIEFS OF  
MISSION CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO. AMBASSADOR WRIGGINS, WHO  
HAS LAID FIRST CLAIM TO HOSTING THE NEXT AREA CHIEFS OF  
MISSION CONFERENCE, IS AS KEEN ON THIS POSSIBILITY AS AM I.  
BECAUSE OF THE MANY VISITORS THAT POSTS IN THIS AREA TEND TO  
ATTRACT IN DECEMBER AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CODELS WHEN CONGRESS  
IS OUT OF SESSION IN EARLY JANUARY, DATES IN THE SECOND HALF

OF JANUARY ARE CONSIDERABLY PREFERABLE TO EARLIER DATES FOR THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE. I THINK MEA WOULD NOT OBJECT MUCH TO THAT SORT OF DELAY IN THE CHRISTOPHER-MEHTA TALKS, BUT AGAIN CANNOT BE SURE WITHOUT ASKING. NEEDLESS TO SAY, CHRISTOPHER'S PRESENCE WOULD ADD MUCH TO OUR PROSPECTIVE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE, AND I THINK THAT HE MIGHT FIND SOME BENEFIT IN BEING ABLE TO MEET FOR A DAY OR SO WITH ALL U.S. AMBASSADORS IN SOUTH ASIA PLUS THOSE IN KABUL AND TEHRAN. (WE HOPE AND EXPECT OF COURSE THAT ONE OR MORE HIGH-LEVEL NEA OFFICERS WILL ALSO ATTEND.)  
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